

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 423

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Marvia Balfour-Coleman for her meritorious service with the Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding nurses who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality health care for Tennessee's veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable nurse is Marvia Balfour-Coleman, who has distinguished herself as a health care professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Balfour-Coleman serves with acumen and alacrity as the Nurse Manager of Cardiology Services at the Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, where she is responsible for planning, administering, managing, supervising, and evaluating the activities, material resources, and personnel for the Cardiology section; and

WHEREAS, in her fifteen-year tenure with Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Marvia Balfour-Coleman has amassed a wealth of knowledge and experience, and her clinical background includes cardiac catheterizations and interventions, telemetry, critical care, spinal cord injury, medical-surgical nursing, and nursing service house supervisor; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Byhalia High School, Mrs. Balfour-Coleman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Rust College, a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Memphis Loewenberg School of Nursing, and a Master's degree in Health Care Administration from Central Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Marvia Balfour-Coleman is most grateful of the love and companionship she shares with her devoted husband, Anthony Coleman, and their beloved Yorkie puppy, Onyx; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Balfour-Coleman is an extremely talented and dedicated nurse who works compassionately to provide the best quality care for Tennessee veterans and their families, and she truly serves as an inspiration for other professionals in the nursing field; and

WHEREAS, the ideal nurse who is devoted to her patients and to her country, Marvia Balfour-Coleman truly epitomizes the spirit of nursing, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Marvia Balfour-Coleman for her meritorious service with the Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, applaud her dedication to providing comfort to our brave veterans and their families, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.